

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1019 - HB 1630

March 23, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires state board of education to prescribe remedial assistance to prepare students who retake TCAP exams.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

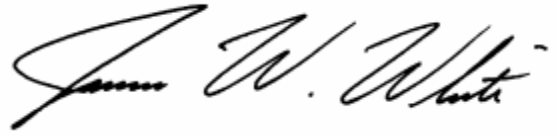
Assumption:

- Approximately 186,000 students were tested in 2004 for the first time. Of those first time test takers, an estimated 21,350 students failed one of the Gateway tests. Therefore, a maximum of 21,350 students would be included under the provisions of this bill. Since 1999, school systems have been making any Gateway remediation *meet the individual student's need*. For this reason and using the population of students needing remediation, the impact to schools overall is estimated to be not significant.
- If the State Board of Education specifies a single method for developing the prescriptive intervention, the cost cannot be determined at this time but could be significant.

For information purposes: Effective July 1, 2007, students shall receive a full diploma upon graduation from high school by passing the TCAP tests, with scores established by the State Board. The State Board shall establish additional requirements for students who do not pass the required tests, including remedial work that may be counted as an elective credit towards graduation. After July 1, 2007, the board shall adopt a certificate indicating attendance or less than satisfactory performance that will be presented to students not eligible for a full diploma.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director